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### *Massachusetts National Guard mobilizes to support affected communities*

**MILFORD** – The Massachusetts National Guard has been mobilized by Gov. Deval Patrick and is preparing to assist the state's Emergency Management Agency in general relief efforts across the commonwealth. As many as 1,000 Soldiers and Airmen will be called to state active duty to provide support to civil authorities in response to the tornadoes that affected 19 communities in Western Massachusetts.

"Massachusetts National Guard Soldiers and Airmen are ready to assist the citizens of the Commonwealth," said Adjutant General of the Massachusetts National Guard, Maj. Gen. Joseph C. Carter. "The National Guard can be relied upon for our diverse emergency response capabilities, strategically located units, and our rapid deployment during times of need."

Guardsmen will assemble throughout the evening in preparation for the conduct of health and welfare checks, transportation support, debris removal and search and rescue missions.

The Massachusetts National Guard's 79th Troop Command will provide command and control of Soldiers, Airmen and equipment from the 126th Brigade Support Battalion, 211th Military Police Battalion, 101st Engineer Battalion and both the 104th Fighter Wing and 102nd Intelligence Wing.

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